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CONSULAR REPORT OF BIRTH ABROAD

The American Consulate General in Hermosillo strongly encourages all U.S. citizens who have children born in the Hermosillo Consular District (Central and southern part of the State of Sonora and all of the State of Sinaloa) to register them as U.S. citizens as soon as possible after the birth of the child. Upon registration, the child will be issued a Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America (CRBA), which is an official record confirming that the child acquired U.S. citizenship at birth. A CRBA can be issued only at an American Consular Office overseas, and only before the child reaches 18 years of age.

Parents seeking to obtain a CRBA for a child must be able to demonstrate to the interviewing consular officer that:

- At least one of the parents is a U.S. citizen at the time of applicant's birth;
- The child is the biological child of the U.S. citizen parent(s); and
- If only one of the parents is a U.S. citizen, the U.S. citizen parent was physically present in the United States prior to the birth of the child; if both parents are U.S. citizens, at least one of them must have resided in the United States prior to the child's birth. The period of physical presence in the United States required to transmit citizenship to a child born abroad varies, depending on the date of birth of the child and the marital status of the parents.

In preparation for your appointment, please download and complete the following application forms from the Consulate's website:

http://hermosillo.usconsulate.gov/consular_report_of_birth_abroad.html

DS-2029 Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad

DS-5507 Affidavit of Parentage and Physical Presence

DS-11 Application for U.S. Passport

Parent(s) must provide the following supporting documents. In certain cases, documents in addition to those listed herein may be required:

- **Original or certified copy of the child's Mexican birth certificate,**
- **Proof of Parents' Citizenship:** US Passport (valid or expired); original U.S. birth certificate; or original Certificate of Naturalization
- **Proof of Both Parents' Identity:** Driver's license, State ID card, School ID, Mexican Voting Card, Passport
- **If only the child's father is a US citizen, proof of parents' relationship:** If parents were married prior to the date of conception, please provide an original or certified copy of the marriage certificate and divorce decree (if applicable). If parents were not married at the time of conception, please provide proof of the existence of the relationship at the probable time of conception (dated personal letters and cards, dated photographs, passport entry stamps, airplane/bus tickets, credit card statements/vouchers, telephone bills, etc.) that can place you and the other parent at the same place and time.
- **Prenatal Documents:** ultra sounds, prescriptions, and medical records.
- **Documents from hospital where the applicant was born:** birth verification, crib card, discharge orders, hospital bill
- **Pregnancy and Hospital Stay Photographs:** Photos taken of mother during pregnancy and in the hospital before and after the birth.
- **Photos of the applicant from birth to present.** If the child is in school age, student IDs and certificates will be helpful.
- **Proof of parents' presence in Mexico:** INM tourist card, FM-2, FM-3, Mexican passport
- **If only one parent is a US citizen, proof of the parents' physical presence in the US:** The American parent must prove at least **5** years of physical presence in the US, **2** of which after the age of 14. The period of physical presence need not be continuous. Presence must be proven with concrete evidence (school records, tax forms with W-2s, SSA earnings statement, salary pay receipts).

The application fee for a CRBA is \$100 USD. We suggest that parents apply for a CRBA and passport for their child at the same time due to the requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. **The passport book fee** is \$105 USD if the minor is under 16, for children 16 and over the fee is \$135 USD. One color photograph, 2" x 2", front view, light background, is required. **Note: \$100 USD bills are not accepted.**

CRBA appointments – To schedule an appointment for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad please go to:

<https://evisaforms.state.gov/acs/default.asp?postcode=HER&appcode=1>

For the CRBA appointment, only the American parent will appear at the Consulate will all forms completed (unsigned) and supporting documents. He/she will be asked to pay the appropriate fees. That same day at 2:00 pm, both parents and the child will appear for an interview with the consular officer. The consular officer will determine if all requirements to transmit citizenship have been met and will inform the applicant.

Document delivery:

- Your document will be ready for collection at the Citizenship and Passport office after 2 weeks between 14:00 - 16:00 pm.
- DHL delivery service is provided, verify fees and authorized centers at this Consulate.